

Ballingers Mill
Alloway Township, Salem County, New Jersey
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

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Owner: Mrs. Clement E. Mickel

Date of Erection: Shortly after 1805

Architect:

Builder: Matthew Newkirk

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Mill - three stories
Houses - two stories each
Wagon Shed and Saddle Shop
one and one-half stories
each

Materials of Construction:

OLD MILL

Foundation - stone
Exterior walls - frame
construction, siding
Interior walls - un-
finished
Inside brick chimneys
Roof - pitch, shingles

HOUSE B

Foundation - brick
Exterior walls - frame
construction, siding
Interior walls - plaster
Inside brick chimneys
Roof - pitch

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Foundation - brick, leanto
stone
Exterior walls - frame
construction, siding
Interior walls - plaster
Inside brick chimneys
Roof - pitch, shingles

WAGON SHED

Foundation - stone
Exterior walls - frame
construction
Roof - pitch

SADDLE SHOP

Foundation - stone
Exterior walls - frame
construction
Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The husband of the present owner obtained the property upon which this project is built on March 18, 1911 from Stephen R. Ballinger et als. Stephen R. had it from his father, John G. Ballinger, jointly with his brothers Samuel E. and Thomas E. by will on September 11, 1867. Thomas E. was allowed only one-third of his mother's portion which was one-ninth of the whole tract. He conveyed it to his two brothers Samuel E., and Stephen R.

John G. Ballinger obtained the property through his marriage to Sarah Ann, one of the daughters of Stephen Reeve. When Stephen Reeve died he devised his property to his three daughters Hannah Ann Baker, Mary Jane Smith, and the above mentioned Sarah Ann Ballinger. Hannah Ann and her husband conveyed their share about 1844 to David P. Smith, the husband of

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Mary Jane Smith, and John G. Ballinger. About 1848 or 49 the said David P. and Mary Jane Smith conveyed all their interest in the property to John G. Ballinger. Thus John G. Ballinger became the owner of two-thirds of the estate of Stephen Reeve in his own right and owner of one-third part in right of his wife. This property now in the possession of Stephen Reeve was in former years known as the Matthew Newkirk Mill tract. Stephen Reeve had obtained the property from Samuel Kean on September 25, 1837. It appears that Samuel Kean had obtained the property in three transfers. One part was purchased from John Ewen and Margaret in 1826; another part was conveyed by George Remster and John Ewing in 1820; and the third part was obtained from George Remster and his wife in 1824. Remster and Ewing had obtained the section they held in two transfers, one from Isaac Green and his wife Priscilla on December 21, 1822 and the other from James Carothers. The deed which had been given to Isaac Green and his wife by Jeremiah Still and wife Bershaba contained the first mention of buildings on the property.

"Doth grant bargain and sell convey and conform unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns to one equal half part of a grist mill saw mill plantation and water courses and priveleges known by the name of Newkirks Mills situate in the township of Upper Alloways Creek in the County of Salem state of New Jersey containing 56 acres of land being the same land mills and Premises the said Jeremiah Still and Bershaba his wife became leased in fee being a part of her father Matthew Newkirks real Estate set off by order of the orphans court above."

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This had been one-half of the estate of Matthew Newkirk; the other portion which was sold to Remster and Ewing by James Carothers had been obtained by Carothers and his wife Ann, who was also a daughter of Newkirk.

When Matthew Newkirk obtained the property from the Craigs in 1805, no mention of buildings was made. Therefore, it is safe to assume that the buildings were erected by Matthew Newkirk after 1805. It appears that the old name was not Ballingers Mill but Newkirks Mill and old residents still refer to the property by that name.

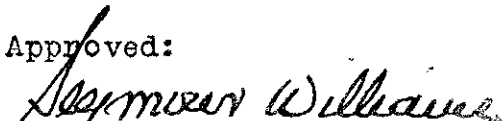
Bibliography:

Field Book and Drawings of the Survey

Court records searched by Alberta H. Moss, H.A.B.S. field historian


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